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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of KODAMA, Hidetoshi, YOKOYAMA, Koichiro, KOMURO, Kiyoto, YASUE, Takuya, AKAHANE, Takashi, and ISONO, Masahiro
INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS AND RECORDING METHOD
THEREFOR

Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION

Our Ref: Q78239

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/544,543 (Confirmation No.7511) filed April 6, 2000 of KODAMA, Hidetoshi, YOKOYAMA, Koichiro, KOMURO, Kiyoto, YASUE, Takuya, AKAHANE, Takashi and ISONO, Masahiro entitled INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS AND RECORDING METHOD THEREFOR.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 47 sheet(s) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2853.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	Hei. 11-98380	April 6, 1999
Japan	Hei. 11-98383	April 6, 1999
Japan	Hei. 11-155100	June 2, 1999
Japan	Hei. 11-280549	September 30, 1999
Japan	Hei. 11-277709	September 30, 1999
Japan	Hei. 11-342595	December 1, 1999
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The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/544,543.

After entry of the Preliminary Amendment, the Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>5</u>	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>2</u>	-	3	=		x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$770.00

TOTAL FILING FEE **\$770.00**

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/544,543, filed April 6, 2000; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant K. Rowan'.

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